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9H, MALTA (Gozo and Comino Island)

NODXA members and friends Holger/DL7IO, Birgit/DL7IQ, Tom/DL7UTM, Ragnar/DL7URH, Tom/DL2RUM and a few more (not yet confirmed) will be active from **May 17-31st**. Their activity and location will be on the northwest end of **Gozo Island**. From there they MAY be active from **Comino Island (9H8)** to take part in the **CQWW WPX CW Contest** with an experienced team. They have planned a minimum 2 complete stations and a lot of titanium, aluminum and copper wires. They plan to use a 22 meter high vertical antenna and Holger is preparing log periodic dipole arrays from wires for the low bands. If anyone needs 9H on 160/80/40 meters, this may be your chance to get these band points. They will be active all nights during this time. The callsigns for Birgit and Holger are **9H3TZ** and **9H3TY**, respectively. The other operators' callsigns are not known yet. The contest callsign will be **9H3TY** from **Gozo** or a **9H8** callsign from **Comino Island**. QSL via DL7VRO.

CQ5, LIGHTHOUSE OF NAZARE (PORTUGAL)

On **February 23, 24 and 25th** there will be activity from the "Lighthouse of Nazare" for the Portuguese Lighthouse Award (Ref FBL-04). Activity will be on 80-10 meters with operations only SSB. The callsign to be used is **CQ5FMX**. QSL via CT1FMX, P.O. Box 189 - 2562 Torres Vedras, Portugal, also ok by the bureau.

KH5, PALMYRA ATOLL (Being SOLD!)

An article appeared in the Monday, February 12th, "Pacific Daily News" newspaper in Guam, titled "Family selling Palmyra Atoll to New York firm". Excerpts from the article state: "The Fullard-Leo family of Honolulu is selling Palmyra Atoll to the New York investment firm of KVR Inc. The sale price for the atoll located 1,000 miles south of Hawaii was not disclosed. The last listed price, from about four years ago, was \$36 million. The sale was said to be for more than that but under \$50 million, "The Honolulu Advertiser" reported Saturday. "The new owner was thinking about using Palmyra for scientific research and hotel development", Peter Savio (listing agent for the sale). The atoll, covers about 6,000 acres of lagoons and land, with about 600 acres of dry land which has never been developed.... Palmyra was bought by the parents of brothers Ainsley, Dubley and Leslie Fullard-Leo in 1922.... (Pacific Daily News staff and wires)

P5, NORTH KOREA (DPRK)

The DPRK project group, which is headed by Mr. Chen Ping, BA1HAM, Deputy Secretary General of the CRSA, has been busy maintaining multiple contacts and discussing additional steps required to establish amateur radio in the DPRK and make P51DX QSOs available. This week's tentative trip to the DPRK has been re-scheduled to the second half of April because of a variety of reasons. Among them are that currently there are only sporadic flight connections from Beijing. An exceptionally severe winter is effecting the normal life in the DPRK. The underlying aim of the DPRK project is to establish permanent activity with the large base of radio communications enthusiasts that are currently involved in ARDF (Amateur Radio Direction Finding) as well as in class- room morse competitions. (This was an excerpt from a OH2BH/VR2BH press release provided by N7NG. An added bulletin with the whole press release will be sent out to all OPDX subscriber on InterNet.)

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN

Ron/ND5S, his wife Sue/KF5LG, Bil/AA8GL, and his wife Dorothy/KB8ZXO will be on the Dutch side of St. Maartin signing PJ7 from the Sapphire Beach Club from **February 25th to March 9th**. They will be in the ARRL SSB Contest the first weekend in March. They hope to have a special call sign once they get to the island. QSLs to the home calls. Special cards will be printed for the trip.

QSL CARDS ROUTES, CHANGES AND UPDATES.....

Jari, OH2BU/OH7RF, reports that R1MVI and OH2BU/MVI QSL card goes to printer late this week and he expects to have them mailed by the middle of March..... Bob, KK6EK, reports that Dave, WJ2O, a member of the Easter Island XR0Y Dxpedition, has shipped the cards for XR0Z

to the QSL manager: Mary Ann Crider WA3HUP, 2485 Lewisberry Rd., York Haven, PA 17370. There were about 2300 QSOs. The cards for XR0Y are being overprinted with the QSO data, and will be shipped to Mary Ann in batches beginning next week. Everyone is most grateful to Dave and to Mary Ann for this big effort, and to John Hilbish, W3UM, for processing your corrections to the logs before they went to the printer. Mary Ann has full authority to resolve any discrepancies in the logs, and she has a supply of blank cards to use in case the over-printed card is in error..... Jean Michel, F6AJA, has received the S79JD QSL cards from the printer. He states direct request will be in the mail as soon.... Gerard, F2VX, has received the old logs from F2CW when he was active as FO0CW/A and FO0CW/M few years ago. Gerard is the new QSL manager for 9U/F6FHI and 9Q5FHI. His address is: Gerard Debelle, 4 Le Haut d'Yvrac, Yvrac, F-33370 Tresse..... Please note that KD7H is no longer the manager for UN7FW. QSLs should now go directly to: Vadim Mikhin, UL. Lenina 47-27, Ekibastuz 638710, Kazakhstan, C.I.S..... The following were active in the ARRL CW Contest this past weekend can be QSLed to: 6Y5XX and WH6X/6Y5 via JE3MAS (only via bureau) or direct to: Hiroyuki Kozu, c/o J.O.C.V., P.O.Box 8202 C.S.O. Kingston, Jamaica W.I. OH0MYF via OH6YF OI8BQT via OH8BQT PY0FF via W9VA....

S0, WESTERN SAHARA

Operators Naama/S01A, Arseli/EA2JG, and others EAs and Europeans will be active from here **February 20th**, as **S020R**. Activity will be for a week on the usual DX frequencies on CW/SSB. QSL via EA2JG, Arseli Echeguren, Las Vegas 91, 01479 Luyando, (Alava) Spain. NO bureau cards.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

From **March 1st until May 31st**, look for **VG3CRC**, the **Canadian Red Cross Headquarters special event station** celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Red Cross in Canada. Also, look for other provincial Red Cross stations with special call signs. Special QSL card via bureau or SAE + IRC to callbook address (VA3CRC). (TNX to Ric Guidone)

TF, ICELAND

Fred/ON6QR, Peter/ON7PC, Jack/ON5OO and Stef/ON1KSZ will take part in the **CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st)** as Multi/Op entry. They expect to use a special call sign during the contest. From **March 26th to April 2nd**, they will be active from Reykjavik (**IOTA EU-021**) with the **TF/callsign/P**. On March 28th, they will transmit mainly in the afternoon from the **Westman Islands (IOTA EU-071)** with **TF7/callsign/P**. Look mainly around 14260 kHz and the IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call.

V31, BELIZE

The Cuba Libre Contest Club will be active as **V31DX** from Ambergris Caye, Belize for the **ARRL SSB DX Contest**. Operators will be Vic, KI6IM, and John, N6YRU, as a Multi/Single entry in the contest. QSL to AA6BB.

VP2E, ANGUILLA

VP2ES (KC0ZC - Stew), **VP2EZ** (WA0PUJ - Glenn), **VP2E/N0ZSU** (Loring), and **VP2E/KL7YL** (Vivien) will be active **February 28th-March 6th**. QSL to home calls. VP2E will be the call during the ARRL SSB Contest. QSL to KC0ZC.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS

Ron, AA5DX, will be active from here for the **next 4 months**. Ron's call will be **VQ9DX** or **VQ9RM** and he will be concentrating on 160, 80 and 40 meters.

XZ, MYANMAR

A Finnish-team will activate this rare one again. The operators will consist of: Jaakko/OH1MA, Pekka/OH1RY, Leena/OH2BE, Martti/OH2BH and Petri/OH2KNB. They will be on the air as **XZ1R** from **February 18-28th**. Suggested frequencies: **CW** - 1824.5 (QSX 1831), 3504, 7004, 10114, 14004, 18074, 21004, 24894 and 28004 kHz **SSB** - 1845, 1845, 3795, 7042/7095, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz

The team intends to have two stations running with amplifiers. They also plan to make a special effort on the low bands due to the sunspot cycle and pay attention to short-propagation areas of the world such as the U.S. East coast. During this operation, special attention will be paid to the U.S. on 3504 kHz from 1200 to 1300z as well as 2200 to 2330z. QSX up only. QSL to: SCSDX-team, P.O. Box 111, FIN 24101, SALO, FINLAND Leena, Martti and Petri Laine (who are already there) will be traveling to other parts of Myanmar during this trip before Jaakko and Pekka arrive on Wednesday, 21st of February. Then the team will conduct another training session for three selected Myanmar students. ADDED NOTE: This group is also making final preparations for a large American Expedition (XZ1N) now scheduled for the first week of April, 1996.

ZL8RI KERMADEC ISLAND DXPEDITION UPDATE

The DXpedition team of Ken/ZL2HU, Chris/ZL2DX, Ron/ZL2TT, Lee/ZL2AL, Al/WA3YVN and one Japanese operator (to be announced) will be active for eleven days from Kermadec, **May 4-14th**. The team will depart from New Zealand, April 30th, aboard the Research Vessel "EVOHE". This modern ship has been inspected by the team in New Zealand and meets the highest specifications of reliability, safety, and has some of the best communications, navigation and mechanical system available (charter cost \$25,000). The ship has two Zodiacs and two additional safe landing crafts. However, the DX team URGENTLY needs your financial support to raise the remaining \$21,000 needed by April. The team states no donation is too small and ALL donations will be used for non-personal expenses. Donations can be sent to: SGI Expeditions - Kermadec Project, P.O. Box 2235, Melbourne, FL 32902-2235. Make checks payable to: SGI DX-pedition for Kermadec Project and include your call sign on the check or envelope. Please contact Al, WA3YVN, at phone: (407) 727-0201 or FAX: (407) 728-8072, if you need further details.

ZL9, AUCKLAND ISLAND

Graham, ZL4MV, is now active as **ZL9GD** for a **seven day** operation (weather permitting), possibly **ending February 22nd**. Graham had only a 24 hours notice to go on this trip, so he took up on the offer. Graham suggests listening for him on SSB on 14260 kHz (+/-) and 7060 kHz (+/-) maybe QSX up for USA. Graham says listen carefully because he will be only running a 100 watts (no linear - no generator - only battery power). He will not be operating "on board a ship" this trip.

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A Special Added Bulletin for OPDX Subscribers!

Date: Mon Feb 12 22:54:00 1996
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NORTH KOREA (DPRK), P51DX

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Following the visit by the DPRK amateur radio delegation to Beijing during the recent Beijing DX Convention, a major donation of amateur radio related equipment was shipped to the DPRK Amateur Radio Association. The April delegation to the DPRK will be headed by Mr. Chen Ping, BA1HAM, Deputy Secretary General of the CRSA and an organizer of the succesful Scarborough Reef operations.

The DPRK project is involving the CRSA, utilizing the good relations between these two countries. The underlying aim of the DPRK project is to establish permanent activity with the large base of radio communications enthusiasts that are currently involved in ARDF* Amateur Radio Direction Finding* as well as in class room morse competitions.

Instead of DPRK travel, OH2BH and his family members, OH2BE and OH2KNB will be traveling to Myanmar on Saturday, Feb.17 to conduct further amateur radio training and some operating. They will be joined by OH1RY, training coordinator of ZA1A fame and OH1MA to make XZ available on some of the very low bands, such as 80/160. This group is also making a final preparations for a large American Expedition (XZ1N) now scheduled for the first week of April, 1996.

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